IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4-6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Original) A compound represented by formula (I):

$$O \longrightarrow OH$$

$$N \longrightarrow X$$

$$O \longrightarrow R$$

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wherein X represents -O- or - CH_2 -, and R represents a hydroxyl group when X represents -O-, or a hydrogen atom when X represents - CH_2 -, or salts thereof.

- 2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein in formula (I), X represents -O- and R represents a hydroxyl group, or salts thereof.
- 3. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein in formula (I), X represents -CH₂- and R represents a hydrogen atom, or salts thereof.
 - 4. Cancelled

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- 5. Cancelled
- 6. Cancelled